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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed August 25, 2003, indicating allowability of claims 1-9 and requiring correction of a defective Declaration.

Included herewith is a corrected Declaration that lists the PCT application under 120, domestic priority, as a continuation of PCT/EP99/05049.

As a result of a telephone conversation of September 30, 2003 between Diane L. Moxley, Senior Managing Paralegal, and the Examiner, it was agreed that a certified copy of International Application Serial Number PCT/EP99/05049 is no longer necessary.

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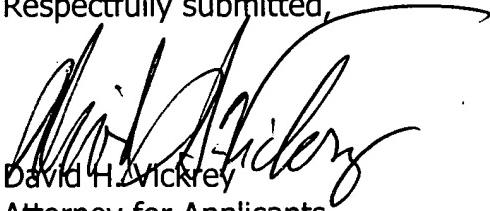
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Diane L. Moxley

The instant specification is amended, as set forth on the attached marked-up sheet, to reflect that the application is in fact a continuation of PCT/EP99/05049.

In view of all requirements, as stated by the Examiner, now being satisfied, allowance of the instant claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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